JOHN BROWN.

We reprint the following tribute, by a colored his dying testimony was, that he was of infiman, to the character of John Brown, of Har- nitely more use to the cause in giving his life

per's Ferry brought to their knowledge, by a living imper-MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: sonation, God's great declaration, that he has When I was invited to take part in the proceedmade of one blood all nations of men to dwell ings of this evening I accepted the invitation with the liveliest satisfaction, both because of my personal acquaintance with the martyr, the the slave states to realize, and no doubt will be anniversary of whose death we celebrate, and the last to recover from, the devastation of war; the reverence which I entertain for his characbut she has also been (unwillingly it may be ter. I remember well the second and last time that I ever saw the glorious old man as being one of the most solemnly impressive hours of which John Brown gave his life to attack my life. I had been invited to take part in a Thus has it ever been, Mr. Chairman; lofty secret meeting, called to secure the advice and conviction in a pure soul has always been, and co-operation of the colored people of the section of country where I then was, respecting gigantic wrong in the best wrought mail. Bethe enterprise which ended in the death of John tween slavery and freedom, the battle is the Brown, and which began the death of slavery. Lord's; and the youth who brings the sling of

It was in 1858, in a western city of the United States, just after the great struggle in which our martyr bore so conspicuous and influential a part, to redeem Kansas from the murderous control of the border ruffians and the terrible curse of slavery. John Brown and one or two of his white followers were present.

The proceedings were begun with prayer weapon which, under the direction of John Browh's faith, became more potent than the pike in the hands of his followers.

After prayer, the noble old man arose to feet to unfold to the company his plans. They were stated with great candor, illustrated at some length, and with peculiar plainness; but though submitted with his usual modesty, they were defended with tremendous conviction.

"I design," said he, "to make a few mid night raids upon the plantations, to give those who are willing among the slaves the opportunity of joining us, or escaping; and it mat-ters little whether we begin with many or few. Having done this for two or three times until the neighborhood becomes alarmed, and the generality of the slaves encouraged, we will retire to the fastnesses of the Alleghany mountains, and ever and anon strike unexpected. though bloodless, blows upon the old dominion in the meantime sending the slaves, who desire to go, to the North. We shall by this means conquer without bloodshed, awaken the slaves to the possibility of escape, and frighten the slaveholders into a desire to get rid of slavery. When he took his seat the colored men, with one consent, opposed his plans. For any considerable body of men to subsist in the mountains was, in their estimation, impossible; and to attempt to get slaves to the North by means of frequent raids rather than by the underground railway, was scouted as foolish and feared to be disastrous. That the slaves were ready access to the principal seaboard cities of that the money to carry on the work would be supply. It is also relatively beautiful, having guments were put forth with deference to the for sea bathing. The place was, indeed, form- traced. old man's judgment, and respect for his feel- erly the seat of a large female seminary, and ings as well as his character; and to my mind they were put forth with consummate ability and conclusive force.

I did not then understand the secret of his infatuation, but I learned it some months after. When he lay bleeding and helpless at Harper's pupils from the Institute. This, however, did Ferry, his spirit rising in the grandeur of its calmness above the wreck of his enterprise, his mal School and a seminary of a high order. lips unsealed by the candor of the dying, but his brow unblanched by the dangers of death, then I understood that that spirit caught the light and beauty of self-sacrifice while standing on the lofty summit of his faith, and that they had blended them into the halo of transfiguration, for the hour of his martyrdom. I recalled the scene of that night's meeting, and it then occurred to me that while we were pointing to our idols of data, proof, conclusion, he made acquainted with higher truths and breathing the atmosphere of a nobler conviction, was pointing to the altar of, to us, an unknown God, whom we were ignorantly worshiphis death, furnished another example of the act of incorporation, is "to prepare youth of tainly is not in the Bible. truth, that though there may be many kinds of the South, without distinction of color, for the immortal names, there is but one kind of im- work of organizing and instructing schools in mortal character, and that is the character of the Southern States." Its object is the diffuthe martyr. When John Brown, with crumb- sion throughout the South, where Normal and ling logic, halting argument, unsound conclu- agricultural schools have not been established candor and the strength of the people's approval of it into the gubernatorial chair of Masprovide, in the best manner practicable, for the tion and his aim, and his righteousness pro- This is now the point of trial for this nation, duced two results : He touched and awakened before Him who has begun to vindicate the the religious heart of the white Americans, and rights of a long-suffering people, and scarcely

revived the dying hopes of the black race. niary interests involved in their support, the building of houses of worship, and therefore the retaining of wealthy members, have a them to agree with one another, and nearly all of lie Schools, one of the reporters of the Whig them to agree with the powers that be. So that | visited for the first time the colored schools on more get out than those called the sinners can in subjects of more general importance, have and they were glad for the church to rest at the various branches of English education. a questionable shape, that subsequent events dent and the Departments in connection with least on some political Ararat like the fact of The schools are conducted under the auspices would have to confirm it in order to lead us to the facts connected with my own expulsion as ever man died with; about to leave as broad tion. The primary and intermediate schools decrees! Subsequent history must be called in mony. forgiveness, as ever covered or breathed upon the guilty, this side of Calvary; when they school, as teachers. The latter have charge of not corroborate the words of Noah even upon during the few weeks that the Ku-Klux allearned that this apostle of freedom had been the elementary classes, in separate rooms, and thoroughly furnished for his work by passages seem to be fully competent for their positions. Canaan, any further than that part of his decenfitable for doctrine, reproof, and instruction in superintended by Mrs. Canedy, with one or Phenicians, as we shall see, were the descendlips with a live tures periodically given by Prof. Manly. The coal from off God's altar; scattering them walls of all the school rooms are amply provid- spired at all. with a force of illustration, a depth of mean- ed with maps, charts and black boards. The ing, s power of pathos, and a wonder of appremises are kept scrupulously neat, and altoplication, which will consecrate them as part gether there is an evidence of care and attenof the martyr literature of the age; when they heard and learned all this, why, they pray- part of those in charge. ed for him and for ministers to do such a thing

Why, sir, the abolitionists were as suspicion arithmetic and geography rather surprised us. of a minister as the Christians were of Saul of Tarsus, and the watchword of confidence was "behold he prayeth" for John Brown. The ministers were followed by their churches, and on the day of our martyr's death there were at least three prayer meetings in white churches where he was remembered. Thus began, sir, swered the questions put to them. It was imthat religious awakening in the American church which now makes every Sunday solemn The children are of all shades of complexion, with petitions for the overthrow of slavery; and seemed to be rendered quite happy by the which flings open the pew door to the negro; consciousness of their gradual enlightenment. would welcome the presence of Garrison or days of ignorance and prejudice are happily

Phillips. Though these were dark times and troublous, Mr. Chairman, there was more noise than all classes. hurt in their results. Indeed, they were serv- We should not omit to say that, during our the pioneers, or ancestors of the Irish, in coming our cause. Thunder does not kill, but the vist, the pupils in the normal school sung sevlightning does; and these mobs were but the eral melodies with an expression, and blended thunder of opposing forces, setting free the lightning of truth and right. I learned then that the reformer has nothing to do with anxiety about results. From the hour of John Brown's death, the negro has been led by his teachings in the pathway of social, political, and moral

But his soul goes marching on,

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ponderous weapons.

keep the words of the Declaration of Independ

Brown died for them, that on the way to the

ment. It was here, too, that the first school

wounded were under treatment at one time, and

the farm connected with the Institutte includes

to these martyrs in the cause of freedom, which

The location has also advantages as regards

and James rivers, and of the Pamlico and Al-

bemarle Sounds, a region including a colored

population which has been, if it be not now,

was a summer resort for health and recreation.

As has been said, this was the site of the first

school for freedmen, and here the Butler school

is still kept in the large building originally

built for it on the premises, and is taught by

not involve the idea of the Institute as a Nor-

of the work that might be done here. At his

The Schools on Navy Hill.

of strangers, their recitations were very clever.

familiarity with fractions and reduction. The

possible not to be interested in these exercises.

passing by, and under the new era the bless-

eral melodies with an expression and blended

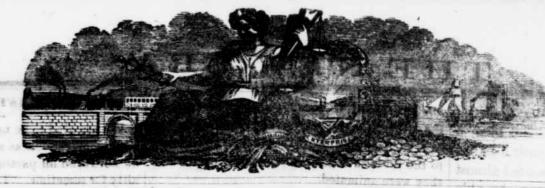
the 10th inst. The Lieutenant Governor in his

ech spoke warmly of the general prosperity

mond Darly Whig.

the emigration from England.

The more advanced classes showed wonderful



WASHINGTON, D. C., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1870.

COMMUNICATIONS.

is not only a song; it is a creed as well, to the great majority of the freedmen. In the South they seal the Bible to the slaves, they hide the form and scales of justice from the eyes, they perior Race.-No. 1.

ence from their ears; but the fact that John BY REV. J. E. BECKWITH. scaffold he stooped to kiss a colored child; that Senator Sumner once said that when he was laboring, years ago, against the "fivefold barfor it, than he could be any other way, has barism of slavery," he frequently received letters from various parts of the country, clergy, and laity asking him if he was not fighting on all the face of the earth. Old Virginia, against God? The reason for the inquiry was which put him to death, was the first among that the writers believed that, by an inspired curse, Noah had devoted the descendants of Ham to a position inferior to that given to the the first and largest contributor of colored descendants of Shem and Japheth, and consetroops who are fighting to overthrow the system quently it was the will of God that colored people should be the servants of the whites. Hence to contend, as Sumner did, that they always will be, too powerful for the most should have equal privileges with other men, the Creator, was fighting against God!

With sentiments like these, men, professing sincerity and the stone of truth, will be more than a match for the skillful warrior and his to be philanthropists, and believing in Christ, justified themselves while holding men in the most abject slavery-some of them concluding Hampton Normal and Industrial Institute. that they were "doing God service," putting It is within the capes, and not far from the in execution a decree of the Almighty! And spot where the dist slaves brought to this counter they were fortified in their position by not a try were landed. It is where General Butler few learned men and Doctors of Divinity. This first refused to deliver up the fugitives, calling them "contraband of war," and where a city sentiment was embraced, in whole or in part, of refuge was provided, to which they thronged by a very large portion of the people of the by boat loads and wagon loads, and in cara- United States, not only by slaveholders, but vans, and were housed and fed by the Governthose who never were. Some, not many it is hoped, even went so far as to deny that black for freedmen was established. It was the site men had souls, and to hold that they had no of the hospital barracks of McClellan's and Grant's armies, where fifteen thousand sick and "rights that white men were bound to respect." the United States cemetery, containing the bodies of nearly six thousand United States confine them to that position by the sternest soldiers, together with the granite monument enactments of law. "They ought to be made to know and keep their place," is the sentis in full view from the Institute. Not far distant is seen the flag of Fortress Monroe, and it is within sight of the spot where the battle to-day, if not even of a majority. was fought between the Monitor and the Mer-

To such, the assertion with which these lines are preceded will sound like folly, or madness; and at first they may be much offended, not convenience, economy, and the coast. It is aconly with the assertion, but with its author. cessible by water, and so by the cheapest pos-Yet if the reader will lav aside all prejudice sible transportation, from the whole region of the Chesapeake Bay, of the Potomac, York, for the time being, and candidly attend to the facts and the argument, it is confidently expected that he will be fully convinced, not only that the doctrine heretofore held is wrong, but greater relative density than any other. With a steamboat landing on the farm, it has the opposite is true-that Ham and his descendants have been not the inferior, but the superior and the predominant race in all that part of forthcoming, was denied. These opposing ar- the advantages of sea breeze and opportunities the world's history where the family can be

If this can be shown, surely it cannot be a work of inutility to present it to the world: and every lover of mankind and of God should rejoice that error is overthrown, and that the truth is made plain and clear to their understanding-rejoice that there is no necessary obstacle in the way of any race or color pre-That was originated by General Armstrong, venting them from laboring for, and attaining who had charge of the Freedmen's Bureau at to, any position to which they may aspiresuggestion, and chiefly through his efforts, the with any other men.

American Missionary Association heartily cooperating, the estate now called the Whipple Farm, including a hundred and twenty-five acres of excellent land, together with the manhospital barracks was purchased The whole cost, including improvements, has been about

be Canaan, a servant of servants shall he be to famous in history. more for their sakes than for our own, and for his brethren. And he said, blessed be the Lord However ministers of the gospel may resent, and as I think justly, the infidel charge of priestcraft, it cannot be denied that the pecus in the tents of Shem, and Canaan shall be his servant." This is the passage said to contain Last Friday, in company with Mr. Andrew the curse, and this is literally all that is said pronounced upon Canaan, the fourth son of for the loyal whites, and freedmen, who have of doors. American Ministers were just such prisoners, has been made by the scholars at Navy Hill in sides what there is of the curse comes in such I have brought to the attention of the Presi-

> Certainly it had no influence on the other tion which denotes zeal and earnestness on the him. So far as the dogma is concerned, therefore, it has no foundation.

> The pupils, as we have intimated, have made The decendents of Canaan, that occupied the of God on account of their sins, and though The youngest classes were exercised in reading, they occupied a land flowing with milk, and and though somewhat abashed by the presence honey, yet they so far forgot God that he finally doomed them to destruction, and made the Hebrews their executioners. There, the curse classes in geography and history readily an- may have rested.

There is also conclusive proof that the native woods every night until after election. Irish, original Celts, or Milesians, as historians | times I came home and worked my crop. now say, were descended from the Phenicians. The proof is found in numerous Phenician which heaps eulogy upon the colored soldier; Every good citizen will unite with us in wishand, greatest proof of sincerity of all, which ing enlarged prosperity to these schools. The
grotto at Droghed, in which there is a black pyramidal stone, once the object of worship, ings of an ample education must be secured to exactly corresponding to a Canaanitish or Phenecian idol, representing the sun, showing that mon with the Phenicians, worshiped the sun, harmony of voices not easily surpassed .- Rich- and that they were consequently of the same

> The New Brunswick Legislature opened on this Irish grotto are merely the counterpart of precinct, but there were more Radicals than those in the cave of Prophonius and in the of the province, and recommended measures to promote education, and to secure a share of Pyramids of Egypt, as well as the Pagodus of

In other places the round stone towers of the

true in this country. Emigrants from that I had already agreed with a white man, who and a vigorous, sound constitution, he seemed country seem to aim at being laborers—hewers owed me \$50, to pay my tax, and he said he to get along very well for a while, and bade of wood and drawers of water in a different had done it, but when I found him, and he found fair to recover : (but the severe shock of the sense from the German or any other nationality. what was the matter, he said he had not paid rebel shell, and the cutting off his limbs, at And the idea has been advanced that here the it. They demanded \$4.50 poll-tax, and I paid last proved too much for him.) We visited curse pronounced upon Canaan rests, indi- it and put in my vote. They were determined him very often, and as we approached him one cating that by nature or by Providence the that I should not vote, and I was determined day, lying on his bed, and began to talk to him

free to go forward and show what has been the would be elected without Schley county, and pray, "Lord have mercy on me," "Lord have actual position of the descendants of Ham, we all went home. The first history to which reference will be "Last spring we built a school-house, and Having repeatedly uttered this earnest petimade is to Genesis 10, where there is a short ac- hired a white lady to teach our school for seve- tion, as though he felt it was too long for his other things being equal, they can command pheth; and it may well be noticed that the sacred every Sunday. Friday night, February 5, cries, "Do, Lord," "Do, Lord," "Do, Lord," "Do, Lord," historian devotes more space to Ham than to 1867, our school-house was burned up.

Shem, and closes by saying: "Their dwelling Cemetry, Andersonville, Georgia, says: was from Mesha, as thou goest unto Sephar, a is interpreted Noah. Lingering in some of its in calling the Son of the Curse.

Georgia Ku-Klux.

rule, and General Terry is authorized to p tect them from such outrages.

Richard Reese, President of the Grant club George Smith in regard to the treatment of the for an abolitionist was as prophetic of a revoletion as clouds are of a storm.

The pupils, as we have intimated, have made decided progress with their studies, and we land of Palestine came under the displeasure county, I was at Macon attending the colored land of Palestine came under the displeasure white the Ku-Klux commenced riding about the convention. When I got home some white men, Democrats, who were friends of mine. told me that the Ku-Klux would certainly kill me if I staid at home at nights. I took my day, as I was in my yard, Mr. Jack Childers, a Democrat, came along from Americus, and said to me, 'Where is old Dick, the damned old Radical?' I said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Well, you will be certain to be killed,' I said, 'Well, if they kill me, they will kill a good old Radical, and I haven't got much longer to live noway.' He then started to get out of the buggy and come at me, but the man with him held him in, and drove on. I had the Grant tickets hid in my house, and election day put The narrow passage and the stone bowels of them in my pocket and went to the Bumphead Democrats there, and they would not open the polls at all. We staid there till twelve o'clock,

Phenician worship still remain, and some of not let a Radical vote until about two o'clock. the people still render a sort of worship to the when Charley Hudson got upon a stump and The Descendants of Ham the Su- supposed Deity, their ideas coming down quite said no, man could vote unless he had paid his clearly from Canaan. Other monuments of like taxes. He then got down, and he and nearly origin found in Ireland seem clearly to prove every white man there went around to the colthe origin of the people to have been Pheni- ored voters, and told them that if they would cian, and consequently, that they are descen- vote the Democrat ticket their tax was paid. dants of Canaan. Well, the Irish, especially I offered my ticket, and they said my tax was to the United States General Hospital, Fortress of Celtic or Milesian or Phenician origin, are not paid, and if I put in my ticket they would Monroe, October 2d, with one arm, and a leg to this day laborers for others. That is clearly put me in jail, and send me to the penitentiary. off above the knee. Possessing a heroic spirit that I would vote for Grant anyway, as I was about the goodness of God and the love of But whether this be true or not, we have the president of the club. They told me if I Christ, big tears rushed to his eyes and rolled fully shown from the Scriptures themselves would vote for Seymour and Blair I need not down his sable cheeks most profusely. Prewas to contend against the expressed will of that no curse was pronounced by the patriarch pay my taxes. After I had got in my vote, I sently, with his soul deeply stirred, he began to upon Ham, and from subsequent history it is took all my Grant tickets and scattered them shake so violently that we were afraid he would difficult to show that his anothemy took effect, among the crowd, and told my club they need hurt his wounds. But he shook on, and with unless as just indicated. We are, therefore, not try to vote, it would do no good, Grant the deepest emotions and earnestness began to

pheth he says, v. 4: "By them were the isles could do about building another house. We earnestly pouring out his soul to God, and cryof the Gentiles divided, in their lands, every have a deed of one a half acres or land, but ing, "Save me, Lord," "Save me, Lord." one after his tongue after their families, in their there is no timber on it, and the owners of the Reader, if you would learn how to pray, come nations." There the Bible leaves Japheth, and land around have put up a paper forbidding us and listen to the prayer of Henry Jackson : all that is now held in regard to his descentocut a stick on their's, and see how tight they 1. His prayer, like the Publicans, "God by Hence it is right, proper, and necessary to as-dants is traceable only to tradition. The sa-have got us. We want the Government or merciful to me, a sinner," is very plain and sign them an inferior position in society, and cred historian informs us that by them were somebody to help us build. We want some law simple. There is nothing of the spirit of the the isles of the Gentiles divided, and that is to protect us. We know that we could burn Pharisee in it, "who prayed in the street to be all. There is a very ancient tradition that their churches, and school-houses, but it is seen of men." There is no attempt at display. Japheth married a descendant of Cain, and against the law to burn houses, and we don't to "put on" or "to show off," which is so ment of nearly half the people of this country that his descendants were consequently black. want to break the law or harm any body. We hateful to God and disgusting to man. No. all to live under the law."

The last part of the chapter, viz: from the Floyd Snelson, foreman of the hands em- are not heard for our much speaking." 21st to the 30th verse, records the history of ployed by the Government in the National

this family in this connection. It spread itself charge had gone to Marietta, Georgia, and the even an unnecessary word. Every word tells eastward from the neighborhood of Ararat, schools for the freedmen were closed, and the Deeply feeling himself lost, he flies directly to beginning at Mesha. And it is not unworthy teachers had left for the North, Mr. B. B. Christ and begs for salvation. He don't wait of notice, that the earliest traditionary King Dikes notified all the colored people who occu- to pray all over the world before presenting his of China was called "Chun," or Fohi, which pied buildings on the land now claimed by him, own urgent case. But, like sinking Peter, he formerly occupied by the Cenfederate Govern- rushes to the cross, urges his suit at once, and smaller branches in Western Asia, the bulk of ment in connection with the Andersonville cries, "Save me, Lord." the family moved towards the eastern boun- prison, that they must get out of their build 3. Again Henry's prayer, like sinking Peter's dary, settled in China, and parts adjacent, ings within four days, or he would have them is very short and comprehensive. It contains having for their king the Patriarch himself, or put out by the Sheriff, and they would have the much in little. The short petition, "Save me, at least one who ruled in his name. Thus in cost to pay. Nearly all of these men had been Lord," includes all a sinner needs. It implies fourteen verses is the story of the two favored in the employ of the Government at work in deliverance from self, from Satan, from the sons of Noah given, leaving fifteen verses to the National Cemetry, many of them from the world, and from the wrath of God. It includes the history of him who so many have united commencement of this work after the surrender. pardon, peace, holiness, joy, Heaven, all in one They all occupied these buildings by permis- word-Christ. It is condensing our petitions Verse 5 begins the history: "And the sons of the officers in charge of the cemetery, by and expressing much in few words, that tends to, any position to which they may aspire of Ham, Cush, and Mizraim and Phut and Ca- whom they had been employed. Many of them so much to give energy and power to prayer. this point, and who first comprehended the fathat they are not debarred or discouraged from naan. And the sons of Cush Seba and Havihad built these houses at their own expense, Long prayers tend to wearry and chill devotion. straining every nerve to attain equal eminence lah and Sabtah and Ramah, Sheba and Dedan. and cleared, fenced and cultivated gardens of How often are persons prayed into a good state And Cush begat Nimrod; he began to be a from one to four acres, which were covered of feeling, and then prayed out of it. Let us The first step in this argument will be to mighty one in the earth. He was a mighty with corn, potatoes, and other vegetables, which learn to utter prayers, short, simple and to the clear away the stumbling block so long the hunter before the Lord." Wherefore it is said: with their houses they were required to leave point. bulwark of caste, the curse supposed to have "Even as Nimrod, the mighty hunter, before without any compensation. Including these 4. Gaze again upon Henry pleading for mercy, sion used by the United States officers for their been pronounced by the patriarch Noah upon the Lord." And the beginning of his king- laborers, and their families, about two hundred and learn to be earnest in prayer. It is one headquarters, the Butler school-house and the the descendants of Ham. No such curse is on dom was Babel and Erick and Accad and Calrecord; and it is an object of wonder that any neh in the land of Shinar. Out of that land of the great difficulty of getting homes for so What is prayer? It is offering up our desires one pretending to understand the Scriptures | went forth Asher, or, as it reads in the margin, many on such short notice, most of these col- to God, in Christ's name, for things agreeable ping, and who maketh all things possible to him that believeth. John Brown, in his life and in The object of the Institute, as stated in its should ever have made the assertion, for it cerof Assyria and builded Nineveh, and the cities eledge of occupying their houses and paying but in desires. It is not loud, boisterous speak-That portion of Scripture from which it pur- of Rehoboth and Caleh and Resen, between rent, either in money, or a part of the crops ing, but fervent supplication. It is not the ports to have been taken, is found in Genesis 9. Nineveh and Caleh, the same is a great city that were then growing. But he refused, and tongue, but the heart, that prays. 20-27 inclusive: "And Noah began to be a And Mizraim begat Ludim and Anamim and said they could not stay on any terms. They What is earnest prayer? It is the longing husbandman, and he planted a vinyard, and Lehabim and Naphtalim. And Canaan begat then applied to the owners of the plantations soul "taking hold on God," and vehemently sion, stood before his colored brethren in the as yet, of the best methods and advantages of drank of the wine, and was drunken. And he Sidon, his first born, and Heth." After de-near Andersonville, but many of them refused crying unto him with the whole heart. It is seeming infatnation of obstinacy, it was only education; and if the benefit of the colored was uncovered in his tent, and Ham, the father scribing the children of Canaan through the to let them come upon their plantations to live the wrestling of Jacob, and the "Lord save or because, having been caught up into the third people be more immediately anticipated, it is heaven of a righteous cause, he had heard only from the apprehended unwillingness of of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and on any terms. On the day appointed by Mr. I perish" of sinking Peter. Prayer is the ferthings not lawful, and I suppose not possible others to avail themselves of the advantages of told his two brethren without. And Shem, second: "These are the sons of Ham after Dikes, (Wednesday, July 29th, 1868,) the most vency of desire, and the urgency of want, and for man to utter. "John Brown was right," the Institute. Whatever provision may or may and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon their families, after their tongues, in their countries, and in their nations." In this short his around appeared in Andersonville, with their most intense importunity. O, how strong the words, was lifted as if by the breath of his own South, it is clearly among the most imperative and covered the nakedness of their father, and tory we have the germ of the ancient historic arms, and Mr. Souber, the magistrate of the cravings of his longing heart! See how he their faces were backward, and they saw not nation. Nimrod built Babel and Erich and district, and Mr. Raiford, the Sheriff of the wrestles with God. Grasping the throne of sachusetts. Yes, John Brown was right; if enlightenment, the more perfect Christianiza- the nakedness of their father. And Noah other cities, and laid the foundation of the county, accompanied by a party of some twenty- grace, he pleads as though he felt, "I will not not as to his method, at least as to his inspiration, and the full manhood of the freedmen. awoke from his wine, and knew what his young- kingdom of Babylon, which was situated in six or thirty armed white men, went to the let thee go except thou bless me." His "Do er son had done unto him, and he said, cursed "The land of Shinar." Here is one kingdom houses of all these people (except a very few Lord," and his "Save me, Lord," denote most There are multitudes of people who have a this way. By about 2 P. M. all these people, from the deep depths of his soul, vehemently thousand times more sympathy for the unre- with their furniture, bedding, provisions and cries, "Save me, Lord." How solemn and impowerful conservative influence in bringing Washburn, the efficient Superintendent of Pub- upon the subject in the Bible. A curse was pentant rebels of Georgia and Virginia than everything that they possessed, were turned out pressive this scene! Gaze upon the brave hero

> had a gun or pistol in my life. I lay in the burnt them up, and tore down their fences and while he was yet speaking, his prayer was anthe "Freedmen's School," rallied and pro- his sacrifice. The Cyrophenecian woman pray-

> > son will make oath to these statements. A member of the Alabama House of Representatives, whose seat is contested, on the 1st

inst., sent the Speaker a letter in which he ored Democrats were voting, but they would Legislature would not be creditable.

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A Colored Soldier's Prayer.

BY BILLINGSIEF

Henry Jackson, of company E, of the 4th regiment United States colored troops, was wounded September 20, 1864, by the bursting of a shell at Dutch Gap, Virginia, and brought

count of the descendants of Shem, Ham, and Ja- ral months. We held meetings and schools vehement desires, he shortens it, and simply first class ships. One colored seaman, (Captain I stepped aside to see another patient, and on both of his brothers. Of descendants of Ja- "Last night we had a meeting to see what we returning in a few minutes, found Henry most

But this has no corroboration in Scripture or want the law to protect us, and all we want is is plain, humble, and simple as a child-just as a prayer ought to be. Let us never forget "we

2. His prayer, like that of ship-wrecked dis ciples, is very short and pointed. There is no "That in July, 1868, after the work was sus- vain repetitions, nothing of the verbase, mount of the east." This is all that is said of pended in the cemetery, and the Lieutenant in (wordy,) or round-about style in it. No, no

who had vacated their premises.) and threw all intense earnestness. His prayer is the very their furniture and provisions of every kind embodiment of simplicity and earnestness. out of doors. They then nailed up the doors of Sinking Peter cried, "Lord, save me," but the all their cabins on the inside, and punched wounded soldier so earnestly seeking his salvaoff a part of the roofs and got out in tion, reverses the order of the petition, and pleading for mercy. See how he trembles, though the church is an ark containing at least Navy Hill and witnessed the exercises of the Ham, but no word was uttered cursing either for years been the victims of their malignant About four o'clock the most violent rain weeps, and prays. Every eye is fixed upon him pairs of all the truths worthy to be preserved, pupils in the primary, intermediate and normal Ham, or his other sons. Hence there is not hate. They really think the action of Congress storm, accompanied with the most terrific thunyet the doors are sealed so tightly to keep out the flood of iniquity, that the ministers can no the flood of iniquity, that the ministers can no the flood of iniquity, that the ministers can no the flood of iniquity, that the ministers can no the flood of iniquity, that the ministers can no the flood of iniquity, that the ministers can no the flood of iniquity, that the ministers can no the flood of iniquity, that the ministers can no the flood of iniquity are absorbed with personal cares or interested and continued the most of the night. Every cursed Ham, or his descendants generally any no patience to use arguments with these simple and continued the most of the night. Every unto God. Having shed his blood and sacriget in. Well, for thirty years at least the scarcely any conception of the progress that more than he cursed Shem, or Japheth. Be- souls. I send you a few of the salvation of his country, all others comes the first high-shaded Senator ten miles, were washed away and so completely he now pleads for the salvation of his own soul, destroyed that but one of them has been re- Commending him to God in prayer, and paired so as to be used. The women-some of bidding him a hearty farewell, we left him for thing the bill. the opportunity of bursting their prison doors, aided by appropriations from the Freedmen's suppose that Noah was inspired. He had just from Andersonville, Ga., by the Ku-Klux Klan. them about to be confined—children and inva-the night. Calling to see him again early and touching the green earth of common humanity once more. They had thought before ciency and completeness of organization will of drunkenness. "He awoke from his wine." the freedmen from whose lips I wrote down night. Their beds, clothing, provisions, and his salvation, with his soul wrapt in peace. that abolitionists were all infidels, but when they heard that an abolitionist was about to die they heard that are the abolitionist was about to die they heard that are they heard that are they heard that are they heard that are the abolitionist was about to die they heard that ar with as sweet a resignation and as calm a faith will not present full details of the organization and as calm a faith will not present full details of the organization and as calm a faith will not present full details of the organization and as calm a faith will not present full details of the organization and as calm a faith will not present full details of the organization and as calm a faith will not present full details of the organization and as calm a faith will not present full details of the organization and as calm a faith will not present full details of the organization and as calm a faith will not present full details of the organization and as calm a faith will not present full details of the organization and as calm a faith will not present full details of the organization and as calm a faith will not present full details of the organization and as calm a faith will not present full details of the organization and as calm a faith will not present full details of the organization and as calm a faith will not present full details of the organization and as calm a faith will not present full details of the organization and as calm a faith will not present full details of the organization and as calm a faith will not present full details of the organization and as calm a faith will not present full details of the organization and as calm a faith will not present full details of the organization and as calm a faith will not present full details of the organization and as calm a faith will not present full details of the organization and as calm a faith will not present full details of the organization and as calm a faith will not present full details of the organization and as calm a faith will not present full details of the organization and as calm a faith will not present full details of the organization and as calm a faith will not present full details of the organization and as calm a faith will not present full details of the organization and as calm a faith will not present full details of the o these people got homes by working for their and with his prayer answered and his soul saved, a mantle of charity, and as noble a spirit of are five in number, with three ladies and two to corroborate the curse in some able-bodied men got twenty-five the noble hero passed away in the joys of viccents a day. Some of them, (Deacon Turner tory, and went to swell the ranks of the re- discredit to their constituents. The Lieutenant not corroborate the words of Noah even upon during the few weeks that the Ku-Klux al- Hall, of the Congregational Church, Anderson- deemed in Heaven. O how great the change ! Governor of Louisiana, a perfect gentleman in ville, among the number.) walked from ten to contrast his condition here on earth, with his from that Divine Book which they found 'pro- The normal school, in another building, is dants who occupied the land of Canaan. The ville, Ga., than in any five years of constant twenty miles a day, and could get neither condition in Heaven. Here, all is war, blood for his honorable and pure character. The homes nor work at any price at all. Many and death; there, all is life, joy and peace. gentleman from Mississippi may be darkrighteousness," and that he was scattering two assistants. Connected with this department of them through his wonderful letters, written in ment is a library and large collection of philoa prison where the angel came, not to break sophical apparatus, used to illustrate the lecture of his constituents is more black-hearted.—St. their husbands and fathers roaming over the in the waters of the river of life. Here he country to find some kind of a home. The shouted on to victory; there, on to glory, ment this gentleman "got wrong," for reasons sons of Ham, and was not pronounced against of Schley county, confirms the statements of Rev. F. Haley, of the American Missionary Here, he wears a best known to himself, and he has been wrong Association, arrived the next day to look after crown. And "though dead, he yet speaketh." Radicals in Schley county. He says: "When the property of the mission. His life was His tongue, though now mute in death, seems threatened, but the colored people rallied to say to every surviving soldier and reader, ate, Fessenden (who instantly became a "sorearound him to protect him, and he left the next "Be ye also ready," "Prepare to meet thy head") and Grimes and Trumbull received a day unharmed. Large numbers of the white God." And when we examine the most strik- mysterious "twist," from which they could not people from the neighborhood assembled at ing prayers of the Bible, we find that, in many Andersonville every day until Saturday night, respects, they are very much like Henry's, It is singularly noteworthy that the moment a when they set fire to nine (9) of the buildings short simple, direct, comprehensive and earnest. blanket and hid in the woods. I have never that had been built by the colored people, and Daniel prayed, "O Lord, hearken and do," and

upon their orange crops for a living.

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Labor in New York.

BY WILLIAM P. POWELL.

On behalf of the working classes of the city, county and State of New York, I desire to state that, among the various branches of diversified labor, there are 3500 colored seamen engaged in the mercantile-marine service, sailing to and from the port of New York. The agregate amount of wages earned by these men s \$1,260,000 per annum, which added to the wealth of the great commercial entrepot of the union, indicates the importance and value attached to that class of workingmen to the community. There is now no invidious discrimination as to color, wages or grade of service, as there was in the days of slavery. They are amenable to the same laws which alike governs all who are engaged in the mercantile-marine service. They are self-supporting. The avenues to promotion are open to all who are qualified, George Brooks,) received his certificate as shipmaster in the spring of 1868, and sailed from the port of New York in command of a vessel manned entirely by colored seamen, bound to the coast of Africa, and to one or more ports in Europe, and back to the United States, and gave entire satisfaction to the owners.

There is also an organization in the port of New York, incorporated April 15th, 1863, known as the "American Seamen's Protective Union Association," with an accumulating apital.

There are several benevolent societies, and also several workingmen and womens protective unions, organized for mutual relief and protection. The oldest and most prominent of these is the "New York African Society for for Mutual Relief." founded in 1808, and chartered by the State of New York March 23d, 1810. This society has kept up its organization for near 62 years without intermission. All branches of skilled and unskilled laborers are members viz: Master builders, tailors, shoemakers, machinists, and blacksmiths, printers, farmers, notary public and commission-\$40,000, and supports its sick and infirm

The colored population of the State of New York is estimated at 60,000, viz : New York. King's, Queen's, Suffolk, and Richmond counties, 27,000; in the other counties of the State. 33,000, one-fifth of which would give us, adding 3,500 colored seamen, 15,500 colored voters.

There are in the city of New York fifty engineers, four hundred waiters, seven basketmakers, thirty-two tobacco twisters, fifty barbers, twenty-two cabinet-makers and carpenters, fourteen masons and bricklayers, fifteen smelters and refiners, two rollers, six moulders, five hundred longshoremen, and twenty-four

The longshoremen and common laborers are atnumbered by foreign competition; but, as a general thing, their services as good, honest laborers are preferred, and, to a certain extent, when business is brisk, get their share of em-

What we most need, next to a plenty of work, in New York, as well as in other Northern States, is the elective franchise. Figuratively speaking, it lubricates the corroded hinges upon which swings wide open the portals of the temple of industry, closed against the Northern colored man's right to labor, and which can only be opened by the talismanic word of two syllables, viz: the ballot.

The Mississippl Senators.

The seat Jefferson Davis left in '61 will soon e filled by a negro. If Davis, aforesaid, had stayed in the Senate and minded his business. no dark-skinned Methodist preacher would have een sent to take his place. If the State of Mississippi had not gone idiotically off into rebellion, Davis leading, the said State would not now be represented in the Senate by a member from Africa. But, as the matter now stands, the Hon. H. R. Revels, colored, may speak of Davis as one of his constituents.

Now, this is eminently proper. When man or State makes a fool of him or itself, in this world of ours, it is exceedingly desirable that man or State should get the worst of it. Thus only can the natural predisposition of human eings toward stupid acts be measurably restrained. It is galling, no doubt, to the "high toned" of Mississippi that from that State of to the National Capitol. They do not like it, probably. But those who dance must pay the fiddler. Mississippi danced. Now she is set-

We know very little about Mr. Revelshaven't the honor of the gentleman's acne will be found to have more sense in his head. who will howl over his election. The few colored men who have been elected, thus far, to any conspicuous position, are men who do no manner, and a man of superior education and sense, is respected by his political opponents

MR. TRUMBULL .- About the time of impeach ever since. He used to be one of our foremost and most trusty men; but, about the time that old Ben Wade was made President of the Senrecover. We are particularly sorry for Trumull, because he has been valiant and useful. good Republican gets a kink in his head, and is led astray, he begins at once an attack upon Mr. Sumner. All the gentlemen who opposed impeachment have made it their business to destroyed their crops. The colored people, swered, and the captive hosts of Israel were assail the great and pure Senator—the man supposing that they intended to burn the build- set free. Elijah cried, "Hear me, O Lord, hear who, more than any other, grasps and holds ings occupied for the "Teacher's Home" and me." And fire fell from heaven and consumed the sympathies and respect of his countrymenfor Mr. Sumner has always been intensely and grandly American! The other day, Mr. Trumed, "Lord, help me," and her daughter griev- bull "went for" Mr. Sumner, while the Vir-No one of the men engaged in these outrages ously vexed with a devil, was cured that very ginia bill was under discussion, and he had not has ever been arrested or punished in any way, hour. The blind beggar cried, "Jesus, thou spoken five minutes before the animus became and no one of these freedmen has ever had any son of David, have mercy on me," and immeredress for his sufferings and losses. Mr. Snel- diately his sight was restored and his soul thou losest labor; as easy may st thou the insaved. Thus we see the power of short, earn- trenchant air with thy keen sword impress, as est prayers. Let us be encouraged to pray, make me bleed; let fall thy blade on vulnerable crests: I bear a charmed life, because I have been faithful-I have fought the good Fears are entertained that the Florida orange | fight-I have been unselfish-I have never said : "To-morrow I am to be married, and on crop of this year will be seriously injured by shaken in the wind!" Silence, Trumbull Saturday I take the boat for Mobile, thence to the late unusually warm spell of weather. Henderson is gone, and Grimes, and Van Montgomery. I think it but fair, under the During the last month the trees have budded. Winkle, and Fessenden. Soon Fowler, and unusual circumstances, that I should be given If unchecked by return of cold, they will soon Ross, and another, who shall be nameless, will time to appear before the body to make my de- be in blossom. It would be a sad calamity for follow! The mills of the gods grind slowly. then started for Ellaville. The white and colfence. Any indecent haste on the part of the that section, where hundreds are dependent but they grind exceedingly fine.—Phil. City